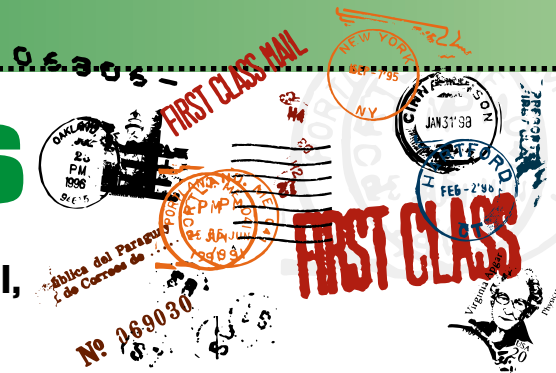


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## THE BOOK 2009

Folks, Congrats on another great edition of "The Book." [The Book, 2009]. It is a very useful reference document and I look forward to it each year.

I do have a question for you regarding the fold out map of Air Force Facilities. What is the significance of the nine regions? What determined which state was in which region and are the regions used for anything else? Thanks again for a great publication.

**Jim Wessler**

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Langley Air Force Base, Va.

**Editor's Note:** The nine areas on the map were simply a way to break up the bases and make them easier to find on the map. Our designers used color coding and the area numbers so that people looking at the map could easily locate the base information in the text.

## "PUSHING THROUGH"

Airman Staff,

It is good to read about my Aerial Port team members still toughing it out [July-August 2009]. "Pushing through," as we used to say.

**Tom Barto**

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**Editor's Note:** The team we sent to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., had a great time interviewing the aerial porters. Active duty and Reserve Airmen work hand-in-hand there to send tons of equipment and thousands of people each year to locations around the world. There is lots of work and little recognition for them as they "push through." We hope our efforts will shed some light on these outstanding Airmen.

## IN GENERAL

Good Afternoon, I love Airman magazine; always have. By the way, I'm lucky enough to be living just a few doors down from retired Brig. Gen. Ed Robertson, former director of public affairs, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, out of the Pentagon. He's a great man . . . and he loves Airman magazine, too!

**Douglas Blackley**

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Airman magazine keeps me abreast of our latest developments and makes this old

retiree feel like I am still a vital part of the force.

**Kenneth David Gunn**

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I have always enjoyed reading Airman. It was one of the first things I did when I attended drill at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. After my four years active and 11 years out and another 22 in the Reserve I have read quite a few issues. They really let us know what was going on in the service. Keep up the work.

**Jerald D. Tobin**

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Aerial porters from the 1st Class Elizabeth Brown, Senior Airman David Wagner, Senior Airman Mitchell Drummer, of the 50th Aerial Port Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and Senior Airman Douglas Blackley, an Air Force Reserve assigned to the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, work with an 11-person ramp team to load 42 pallets of cargo in the contract air cargo jet from Evergreen's 747 freighter at Travis. The cargo jet will make stops at Hawaii, Guam, South Korea and Japan. The team safely loaded 99,585 pounds of cargo in 90 minutes.

**O**n the west coast of the United States lies one of the most important military logistics gateways, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The sheer number of flights launched from the "Gateway to the Pacific" on a daily basis keeps a Total Force team of Airmen hopping around the clock.



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